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Application of: Jackson and Harris

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For:

NEISSERIA SPP. POLYPEPTIDE,

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NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE AND

USES THEREOF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 14, 2000, please consider the remarks below.

REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following has been required under 35 U.S.C 28121

- I. Claims 1-9 and 14-36, drawn to an isolated NGSP polypeptide of Neisseria spp., an antigenic composition, a vaccine composition and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclasses 350 and 825;
- II. Claims 10-13, drawn to an antibody that specifically binds to NGSP polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.4;